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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kojima et al.

Serial No.: 10/773,573 Group Art Unit: 3679

Filed: February 9, 2004 Examiner: Joshua T. Kennedy

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 11, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-7, 12-14, and 17 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.

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